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## **Senator Lazich Introduces Wisconsin School Zone Empowerment Act**

Madison, Wis. – Today, Senator Mary Lazich (R – New Berlin) along with co-author, Representative Rob Brooks (R – Saukville), introduced the Wisconsin School Zone Empowerment Act making Wisconsin's law compatible with federal law. The bill provides local control by allowing school districts to prohibit concealed-carry within the school buildings, and clarifies the law about concealed-carry within a school zone.

"The Wisconsin School Zone Empowerment Act is a technical fix to an unintended consequence created by the adoption of the concealed-carry law. The bill expresses the intent of the federal Guns Free School Zone law by permitting concealed-carry licensees to carry on school grounds. Simultaneously, it grants each school district the authority to establish policy about concealed-carry within school buildings," said Senator Lazich.

"This issue was brought to my attention by school administrators and school board members in my district," said Lazich. "Wisconsin is home to over 242,000 concealed-carry licensees. These are well-intentioned individuals licensed by the state to carry a weapon. This bill clarifies the duties of concealed-carry licensees, while allowing school districts to create policies within school buildings."

Senator Lazich represents parts of Milwaukee, Waukesha, Racine, and Walworth counties.

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